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INSTRUCTIONS

Agreed upon by the Lords and Commons assembled in PARLIAMENT

For Sir *Thomas Barrington*, Sir *William Masham*, Sir *Martin Lamley*, Sir *Henry Mildmay*, of Wansted, Sir *Thomas Cheek*, *Harboule Grimston* Esquire.

Members of the House of Commons, and Deputie-Lievtenants for the County of *Essex*, and Committees to be sent into the same County.

And for Sir *William Hicks*, Sir *Richard Everard*, Sir *Tho. Honywood*, Sir *Henry Holdcroft*, Sir *William Ree*, Sir *William Martin*, Sir *Iohn Barrington*, *Timothy Middleton* and *Iohn Sayer* Esquires, the rest of the Deputy-Lievtenants of the said County, for preservation of the peace of the said County.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons that this be forthwith printed.

Iohn Browne. Hen. Elsyng. Cler. Parl.

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Jnſtructions agreed upon by the Lords and Commons Aſſembled in Parliament for the County of *Eſſex*, &c.

WHereas it doth appeare to the Lords and Commons now aſſembled in Parliament, that the King ſeduced by wicked Councell, hath raiſed War againſt the Parliament, and other his good ſubjects, and hath drawne togethet great Troopes of Papiſts and ill-affected perſons, and ſent our Commiſſion for the levying of others, to the great hazard of Religion, and the publicke peace of the Kingdome.

You ſhall take ſpeciall care therefore that the Ordinance concerning the *Militia* be from time to time put in execution through the ſaid County

of *Essex*. as you shall see cause; And for that purpose, you or any two or more of you shall have power and authority to Arme, Traine, and put in readinesse all and every the Inhabitants of that County fit for the Warre, aswell Trained Bands as other Voluntiers both Horse and Foote, and them under the Command of such Collonels, Lievtenant-Collonels, Serjeant Majors, Captaines, and other Officers, as the Lievtenant of the said County, or you or any three or more of you shall in his absence nominate and appoint to lead and conduct, aswell against all Forraigne Forces that shall in Hostile manner invade the said County, as for resisting and opposing of all other Forces which shall bee either within the said County or else-where raised to the disturbance of the peace of that County. And the Sheriffe and all other Officers of the said Countie are hereby enjoyned to assist you, and every of you therein. And if any person whatsoever shall levie or endeavour to levie or billet any Souldiers, or to raise, draw, or keepe together the Trayned-Bands or other Armed Forces of the said Countie, or any other Forces by colour or pretence of any Commission or Warrant from

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his Majeſtie under the great Seale or otherwiſe, without Order or conſent of both Houſes of Parliament. You are to make knowne to the Trayned-Bands, or other Inhabitants of the ſaid Countie, that thoſe who ſhall appeare upon any ſuch Warrant, or obey any ſuch Commiſſion ſhall bee held diſturbers of, and enemies to the publicke peace, and thoſe who ſhall not appeare upon any ſuch Warrant or Commiſſion, nor doe any thing in execution thereof, ſhall bee protected by both Houſes of Parliament. And you or any one or more of you ſhall in the name, and by the Authoritie of both Houſes of Parliament require and command all perſons to forbeare the execution of ſuch Commiſſion or warrant, and to cauſe the ſame to be delivered up to you, or any of you, to bee ſent to the Speaker of the Houſe of Commons, and you or any two or more of you, are hereby required to draw together ſuch of the Trained Bands and other Forces of the ſaid Countie as ſhall bee expedient for the ſuppreſſing of all ſuch Aſſemblies, and for the apprehending of all or any perſon or perſons as ſhall after admonition and command by you

or any of you made unto them, to forbeare the execution of any ſuch Commiſſion or Warrant, or the calling, or gathering, or keeping together of any ſuch forces or Aſſemblies ſtill perſiſt in doeing the ſame, and likewiſe ſuch as ſhall beare Armes by colour of any Warrant or Commiſſion from his Majeſty under the great Seale or otherwiſe, without Order or conſent of both houſes of Parliament and alſo ſuch diſaffected perſons as ſhall be found raiſing any parties or factions againſt the Parliament, to be ſent up hither to anſwer ſuch their offences as to law and iuſtice ſhall appertaine,

You or any one or more of you, ſhall ſtay, ſearch, and examine, or cauſe to be ſtaid, ſearched, and examined all ſuſpitious perſons and carriages, and to ſearch or cauſe to be ſearched all ſuſpitious places, and to ſeize uppon all horſes, Armes, Ammunition, Money, Plate, or other proviſions whatſoever, which you or any one of you ſhall have iuſt cauſe to ſuſpect, is or are raiſed or provided for the fomenting or mainteyning, any ſuch unnaturall and unlawfull

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War againſt the Parliament and the Kingdome.

You or any two or more of you, ſhall obſerve and execute the Ordinance of both houſes of Parliament of the 8th of *Auguſt* laſt for the ſuppreſſion of the Rebellion, and Commotion raiſed by the Marqueſſe of *Hartford* in the County of *Somerſhetſhire*, and other Weſterne Counties, and by the Earle of *Northampton* and others in the County of *Leiceſter*, *Northampton*, *Warwicke*, and other adioyning parts and of any other Rebellion or Commotion raiſed or that ſhall be raiſed by any other perſon or perſons within the ſaid County of

You, or any two or more of you, ſhall conduct and leade all ſuch forces of horſe and foot as ſhall be appointed by the Lord Generall the Earle of *Eſſex* for the ſervice of the Parliament and Kingdome, and ſhall fight with, kill and ſlay all ſuch as ſhall by force oppoſe you, or any of you, in the execution of that Ordinance, and all other their Aſſiſtants and ayders, and abettors,

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and you or two of you shall levie such other forces of horse and foote as his Excellence shall by his Commission giue you power to levie under such Collonels, Commanders, and other Officers as shall bee by him appointed or directed; & you shall persue the said Traitors, & Rebbels and their Adherents in the said County or in any other places or Counties of the Kingdome into which they shall retire themselves; all which forces so to bee raised shall haue the same pay as the rest of the Army is to have; and you shall defend and protect his Majesties subjects from violence and oppression by the illegall Commission of Array or otherwise, and you shall hinder and forbid the execution of that illegall Commission and in all places to the uttmost of your power endeavour to preserve and restore the peace of the Kingdome.

You or any one of you shall take from the said Rebells and Traytors all such Armes Ordnance and Ammunition as they have taken from his Majesties subjects, and restore the same to the owners.

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You or any one or more of you ſhall take care that ſuch reſolutions and Orders of both houſes as have been or ſhall be delivered or ſent downe unto you or any of you be put in execution, and ſhall require the Sheriffes and Juſtices of the Peace, and all other His Majeſties Officers and Subjects of the ſaid County, to be aiding and aſſiſting unto you & every of you for that purpoſe.

You ſhal likewiſe declare unto all men, that it hath ever been, and ſtill ſhall be the care and endeavours of the Parliament to provide for His Majeſties ſafety, and that they doe not, nor never did know of any evill intended towards His Majeſties Perſon, which might move him to require any extraordinary Guard, that his greateſt ſafety is in the affections and fidelity of His Subjects, and in the advice and counſel of His Parliament; and His greateſt danger in withdrawing himſelfe to ſuch diſaffected and malignant perſons, obnoxious to juſtice for their great enormities, who under colour of doing Him ſervice have raiſed forces which they labour to encreaſe, to the hazard of ruining Religion and the whole Kingdom.

And you or any one or more of you ſhal in the name of the Lords and Commons require the Sheriffs of the ſaid County to publiſh through-

out the ſame the Declarations commanded to be publiſhed by both houſes of Parliament, And you, and every of you ſhall endeavour to cleere the proceedings of Parliament from imputations and aſperſions, and ſhall from time to time certifie us of all things which you conceive neceſſary for the preſent ſervice, and that we may have a ſpeedy account of it, and that our directions to you, aſwel as your advertiſements to us, may have cleere and ſpeedy paſſage, you and every of you ſhall lay a ſtrict charge upon all Poſtmaſters and Meſſengers, that they doe not ſuffer any Letters or other diſpatches to or from the Parliament to be intercepted or ſtayed, and if any ſhall preſume to make ſtay of any ſuch diſpatches, you and every of you ſhal direct the Poſtmaſters and Meſſengers to repaire to t' e Juſtices of the Peace, Conſtables, and other Officers for their aid and aſſiſtance, who are hereby required to take ſpeciall care that there be no ſuch interruption.

You or any two or more of you are hereby authoriſed and required forthwith to diſarme all Popiſh Recuſants and other dangerous and ill-affected perſons, as well Clergymen as others, as have teſtified or ſhal teſtifie their ill diſpoſitions to the peace of the Kingdom and proceedings of Parliament, and all ſuch Armes, and all other

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Armes formerly taken from Popiſh Recuſants ſhal be imployed by you for the defence of the ſaid County.

You or any one or more of you ſhal take care that none of the Recuſants Armes or other Ammunition of the ſaid County ſhall be taken or carried out of the ſame, upon any pretence or command whatſoever, without warrant from both Houſes of Parliament. And you, or any one or more of you ſhal give order and directions to the Sheriffe of the ſaid County, Juſtices of the Peace, and other Officers, to require and command all Popiſh Recuſants in the ſaid County to confine themſelves to their dwelling places according to the Statute in that caſe provided; and if any ſuch Recuſant ſhal be found to tranſgreſſe therein, you or any one or more of you ſhal cauſe the Juſtice of Peace forthwith to bind them to their good behaviours, and upon refuſall or neglect to give ſecurity, accordingly to commit them to priſon, and further proceed againſt them according to Law.

You or any one or more of you ſhal alſo in the name of both houſes of Parliament require all ſuch perſons who have in their cuſtody any part of the publique Magazine of the ſaid County, to deliver the ſame to you or any two of you, to be

disposed of, and imployed for the defence of the County; and in case of refusall, you are hereby authorised to seize, take, carry away, and dispose of the same for the purpose aforesaid.

And you or any two or more of you are likewise to give charge from both houses of *Parliament* to all Collonels, Captaines, Lieutenants, & all other Officers for the Militia, that they shall be observant to such directions as they shal from time to time receive from the Lord Lieutenant of the said County, or his Deputy, or any of them, for the due performance of any the commands of the said Houses.

You or any one or more of you shal resist and repell, and are hereby authorised to resist and repell by the power of the said County, and by all other waies and means, all such force and violence as shall be raised or brought by any person or persons, to the hinderance or disturbance of this present service, or for the Arresting or seizing of the persons of you or any of you, or any other which shal be imployed in performance of the Ordinance, instructions, and commands of both houses of Parliament, for any thing done in execution thereof. And the Sheriffs and Justices of peace of the said County, and all other Officers & subjects, are hereby required to be aiding

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and assisting to you and every of you, for the better and more speedy execution of the premisses.

You or any two or more of you shall hereby with the consent of two of the Members of the house of Commons aforenamed, have power and authority to fortifie any part or place of the said County, in such manner and fort as you or any two or more of you, with the consent of two of the Members of the house of Commons as aforesaid shal think fit for the safety of the said County, and for the more security of the same shall set such severall guards and forces in all places and Towns of the said County, as you or any two or more of you, with the consent of any two of the said Members of the house of Commons, shall thinke fit and requisite; and to cause the Beacons within the said County to be watched, guarded, and fired as occasion shall require.

You and every of you shall take care to put in execution the Propositions and Orders made by the Lords and Commons, now assembled in Parliament, for bringing in money or Plate to maintaine Horse and Armes, for the preservation of the publique peace, and for the defence of the King and both houses of Parliament; As also other instructions and additions for Deputy-Lieutenants which are Members of the house of

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Commons, and other Deputy-Lieutenants of ſeverall Counties concerning the laſt propoſitions according to a Declaration of the Lords and Commons made thereupon.

You or any three or more of you ſhall or may call together the Inhabitants of the County at ſuch times and places as you ſhall thinke fit, and propound to them what Horſe, Men, and Armes they will finde and maintaine, or what money they will contribute for the defence of the ſaid County, which forces and all other forces that ſhall be raiſed in that County by the authority of the Lords and Commons in Parliament, and their Officers, you or any two or more of you ſhall lead, conduct, and imploy for the defence of the ſaid County; and you or any two or more of you ſhall have power to appoint Treaſurers to receive the ſaid Monies ſo raiſed, as aforeſaid, who are hereby required to iſſue forth the ſame, as they ſhal receive order or warrant from you or any two of you under your hands, for the providing of Armes and Ammunition for the defence and ſecurity of the ſaid County; as alſo for the paying of ſuch Officers and Souldiers as ſhall be leavied and imployed for the purpoſe aforeſaid, and of all other neceſſaries for the defence of the ſaid County.

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You or any three or more of you ſhall or may in the abſence of the Lievtenant of the ſaid Countie make and appoint ſuch Captaines and other Officers as ſhall be requiſite for the ſervice and defence of that Countie, and to remove them out of their places, and to make others from time to time, as you ſhall thinke fit for that purpoſe.

You or any two or more of you ſhall or may require ſtrong Watches, and Wards, to be ſet by the Conſtables or ſuch other perſons as you ſhall thinke meete in all convenient places in that county, for the peace and ſafetie thereof.

You or the greater part of you, whereof two to be Members of the houſe of Commons, may joine in aſſotiation with the adjacent counties for the mutuall defence each of others county.

You or any one or more of you ſhall or may apprehend all ſuch perſons as ſhall oppoſe you, or refuſe to obey you in the premiſes, and to ſend him or them in ſafe cuſtody up to the Parliament, or the Committte of Parliament for the defence of the Kingdome, to be proceeded with according to juſtice.

You and every of you ſhall obſerve and execute all ſuch further directions and inſtructions

as you ſhall from time to time receive from both houſes of Parliament, as likewiſe from the Committee of the Lords and Commons appointed to take care for the ſurety of the Kingdome, and whatſoever you ſhall doe therein or any other perſon in ayd and aſſiſtance of you, it ſhall be accepted as good and acceptable ſervice to the Kingdome. And for their and your ſo doing, they and you ſhall be defended and protected by the authority of Parliament, and reſolution of the Lords and Commons to protect thoſe that ſhall obey and further their commands, you ſhall publiſh and declare upon all occaſions for the better encouragement of the Subjects of this Kingdome in that behalfe.

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